



## **Bloomington Receives Salt Institute Honor for Safe, Environmentally Sensitive Storage of Road Salt**

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***Bloomington***— The City of Bloomington was honored with a 2011 Excellence in Storage award from the Salt Institute for environmental consciousness and effective management in the storage of winter road salt. Bloomington joined 159 transportation facilities across the United States and Canada that were honored. A five-time recipient of this award, Bloomington is one of only two agencies in Minnesota to receive the Excellence in Storage award.

“These facilities have cleared a high bar in meeting our standards,” said Salt Institute President Lori Roman. “For example, in minimizing runoff alone, 10 specific criterion must be met. This meticulous care is well worth the investment to protect motorists, the economy and the environment.”

Having enough road salt on hand before storms hit requires advance planning and facilities providing safe and efficient storage. Among other best practices specified by the Salt Institute, Excellence in Storage winners must store salt on a pad, covering it with a roof or other approved materials. Winners must also display proper maintenance of facilities and good housekeeping practices.

“The familiar sight of trucks spreading salt on icy winter roads gives motorists reassurance, as it should,” said Roman. “If that salt was stored in a facility honored with an Excellence in Storage award, motorists have the added assurance of knowing the utmost care has been taken to protect public safety

and the environment.”

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